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Re: **Application Serial No.:** 09/077,337
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Appellants: Jay Paul Drummond, et al.
Title: Automated Banking Machine
Apparatus and System
Docket No.: D-1077

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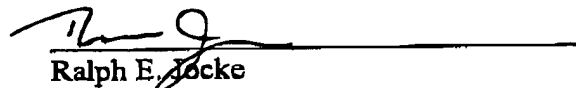


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In re Application of:)	
Jay Paul Drummond, et al.)	Confirmation No.: 5900
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Serial No.: 09/077,337)	Art Unit: 3624
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Notice of Expired Suspension of Action

The Office suspended action in the application on October 1, 2002. No time period was set. However, an initial suspension of Office action may only be for a maximum time period of 6 months (MPEP § 709). Thus, the suspension expired on April 1, 2003.

Any subsequent suspension of action in this application under 37 CFR § 1.103 must be decided by the Director of Technology Center 3600. Appellants have not received a subsequent suspension of action (including the Director's approval thereon). Thus, action in the application is no longer suspended. Appellants request an Examiner's Answer in response to their Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on March 7, 2002.

Conclusion

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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